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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(For new non-provisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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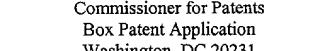
Title: Object-Based Storage Device  
with Improved Reliability and  
Fast Crash Recovery

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10**

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## **Application Elements**

1.  Filing Fee  
The filing fee is calculated as shown below.

Total Claims	35	-20=	15	x \$18.00=	\$270.00
Independent Claims	5	-3 =	2	x \$80.00=	\$160.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				Fee:	
				Basic Fee:	\$710.00
				Assignment Fee	
				Sub-Total:	\$1,140.00
				Reduction by 50% for Small Entity:	
				Total:	\$1,140.00

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2.  Specification  
25 Page(s) of specification; 8 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract

3.  Drawings  
Formal Figure(s) 1-11 on 8 sheet(s)

4.  Oath or Declaration

Newly executed

Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):

Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached hereto.

5.  The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

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7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - Computer Readable copy
  - Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - Statement verifying identity of above copies
8.  Assignment Papers
9. Power of Attorney
  - Is attached.
  - The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.
  - Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - Copies of IDS Citations
11. Amendments
  - A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
  - Cancel in this application claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
  - Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.
12.  Return Receipt Postcard
13. Small Entity Status
  - A small entity statement is enclosed.
  - A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - Is no longer claimed.
14.  Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)
15.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
16.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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